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Letter dated 1 June 2007 from the Permanent Representative of the Islamic Republic of Iran to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

Upon instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit herewith a copy of the note verbale dated 11 April 2007 from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran addressed to the Embassy of Switzerland (Interest Section of the United States of America) in Tehran on the coverage by certain United States media of infamous terrorist Abdolmalek Rigi's interview in which he insolently called for more violence and terrorism against Iranian civilians. Abdolmalek Rigi is the head of the "Jundullah" terrorist group.

I should be grateful if you could circulate the present letter and its annex as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 100, and of the Security Council.

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The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Islamic Republic of Iran presents its compliments to the Embassy of Switzerland (Interest Section of the United States of America) and wishes to state the following.

On 13 Farvardin 1386 (2 April 2007), the Voice of America (VOA) in an interview with Abdolmalek Rigi, a fugitive terrorist in Sistan and Baluchestan Province, introduced him as "the leader of the popular resistance movement of Iran".

The American ABC News, too, in a report broadcast (on the *Nightline* programme) on 14 Farvardin 1386 (3 April 2007), emphasized the existence of connections between the Jundullah terrorist group and the United States Government.

Considering the fact that Rigi, as the head of Jundullah terrorist group, has killed or injured more than 50 Iranian Baluchies and taken Government officials as hostage and demanded ransom for their release, the VOA interview with this terrorist, who has the blood of Iranian innocent civilians on his hands and who is under prosecution, as well as its introducing him as "the leader of the popular resistance movement of Iran", is a clear gesture of support for a notorious terrorist by an official American entity.

The Government of the Islamic Republic of Iran, while expressing its protest against the United States support for the aforementioned terrorist group, regards such support as a clear manifestation of the double standards of the United States vis-à-vis "fighting terrorism" and a manifest interference in Iran's internal affairs, and also draws the attention of the United States Government to its international obligations under the international counter-terrorism conventions and resolutions as well as other relevant international treaties, and reserves its right to pursue appropriate legal action in this regard.